

### Corrections, and a Dredge.

Please allow me to correct one or two typographical errors which occur in my article on collecting water plants, on page 139 of your last issue. I said, or meant to say, "Of the *thirty* species (of *Potamogeton*) found in North America," not "*thirteen* species," as you have it. On page 140 the phrase "the specimens should first be floated in water upon card-board, in the same manner as the coarser plants," should read, "floated in water upon card-board *and then dried on the board*, in the same manner," etc.

I beg leave to add a word as to a *dredge*. A very satisfactory article can be made of a small garden rake, such as is kept in almost all hardware stores for use in the flower garden. It has five or six teeth, each about two inches in length. Sometimes there are two or three teeth on the upper side also; these should be filed off, as they are liable to catch and tear the plants when wrapped about the rake. Saw off the handle of the rake, leaving about ten inches of it near the teeth, and your dredge is ready for use. It can be carried in the pocket or case till wanted, and then it may be tied to a pole, and used out of a boat or from the shore at pleasure.

For depths of water greater than eight feet, something like the crab recommended by Dr. Allen is better, but that can be used from a boat only, and is constantly liable to turn on the back, or to have the line broken by being fouled on the bottom. It does admirably for *Characeæ*, but the rake works better for larger aquatics.

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### Exotics in the Herbarium.

It might be well for the different herbaria, now so widely distributed, to add, for the particular instruction of the public, a collection of the exotics cultivated in gardens and conservatories. These are, of course, subject to incessant additions and mutations, but are of extreme interest. Such a department might well be kept separate from the general herbarium. Perhaps my idea is not altogether possible, but I think it has good in it, and hence venture to put it forth.

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### Books of Reference.

My books of reference are kept in book-cases in the room assigned to the herbarium. Thus, De Candolle's *Prodromus*, Walper's *Repertorium*, Müller's *Annales*, Bentham & Hooker's *Genera Plantarum*, and the many local floras, etc., etc., are all kept in the herbarium. In like manner the systematic literature of the lower plants is found in the same room.

I speak of this, because I know that in many places the botanical books are still considered as belonging to the general college or university library.

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### Herbarium for Sale.

Mrs. C. Robinson, widow of the late James F. Robinson, of Frodsham, England, being in straitened circumstances, desires to sell her husband's herbarium of British and foreign plants, valued at £30.00 for the small sum of £10.00. Her address is Main street, Frodsham, Cheshire. The specimens I have received from Mr. Robinson were excellent. It is a good chance to secure a herbarium of foreign species and to help a worthy lady who is left with seven children to bring up.

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